Center for Families Community Playgroups

What is the difference between a Drop-In group and a Community Playgroup?

Community Playgroups are 8-week sessions. Each 8-week session has its own theme. Fall 2013 session will have an Ocean theme. Parents need to sign-up and register for Community Playgroups because there are a limited amount of children per playgroup. We ask that parents attend each week for their children to learn routines and be part of a regular group.

Drop-In Playgroups do not require registration and parents are free to come and go to these playgroups. There are art activities each week but they generally do not go with a theme.

Both playgroups are a time for adults and children to learn and play *together* with activities with light snacks provided.

How can I register my child(ren) for Community playgroups?

Registration forms are now available! Here is a link to access the forms online: https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bz6MSPPBT5qDRDROUWF0WHkyQ28/edit?usp=sharing

Registration forms are also available below to print and fill out.

You can also pick up a registration form at:

- Center of Families, 70 Rindge Ave (in back of Peabody School).
- Agenda for Children, 119 Windsor Street
- Requesting one from Cynthia at 617-349-6327 or cwoodward@cambridgema.gov

Cambridge Community Playgroups Registration for Fall Session 2013

REGISTER TODAY - FALL PLAYGROUPS START OCTOBER. 7TH!

What are Cambridge Community Playgroups?

Cambridge Community Playgroups are 8 week playgroups for children, moms, dads or caregivers to attend together. Playgroups provide activities that help children learn and experience being part of a group. There are four groups for children 2-5 years and two Tiny Tots groups for children 15-23 months.

How do playgroups help my children?

Children play and learn with their parents, caregivers, and other children. The routines and activities help children grow and get ready for school.



What do parents and caregivers do during playgroups?

You get time to play and learn with your children. You help them play with other kids and do fun activities together.

When do they meet?

Each playgroup meets once a week for 8 weeks.



How often do I need to attend?

We want to see you every week! This is not a drop-in group. It is important for children to learn routines and be part of a regular group.

What if I can't come one week?

We understand that sometimes a child is sick, or you can't make it to group for another reason. You can miss up to 3 groups. If you miss more than 3 groups, then we will give your spot to another child on the waiting list. You can always sign up again next session!

How do I sign up?

Fill out the registration form and return it by Friday, September 20th.

- 1. You can mail it to: Center for Families, c/o DHSP, 51 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
- 2. You can give it to anyone at the Center for Families or the Agenda for Children

How will I know if I am in a playgroup?

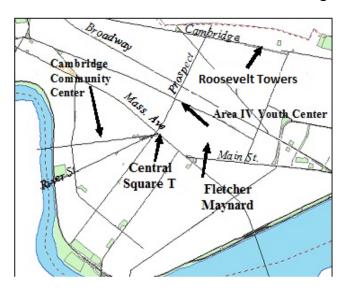
There are many people who want to be part of a playgroup! People who were on the waitlist during the spring session and turn in their fall registration forms by the due date (September 20) get first choice. There is a lottery for the rest of people who turn in their forms by the due date. We will call or e-mail you by Friday, September 27 to tell you whether you are in a group or on the waitlist.

Cambridge Community Playgroups Additional Information

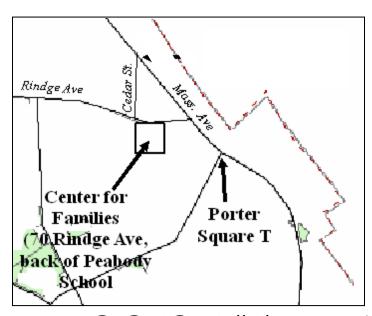
Questions? Need more information? Contact:

Cynthia Woodward, Center for Families at 617-349-6327 or 617-349-6385, or e-mail cwoodward@cambridgema.gov or Priscila Cardoso, Agenda for Children, at 617-665-3825 or e-mail pcardoso@challiance.org.

Locations in Central & East Cambridge



Locations in North Cambridge



More Information!

Cancellations: If Cambridge Public Schools are canceled, or if there is a weather emergency, we will cancel playgroups.

Weather: Groups will <u>not</u> be canceled due to rain. If you have questions, call 617-349-6327.

Sickness: If you or any of the children you are bringing has had a bad cough, fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the last 24 hours, do not come to group.

IF YOU CAN'T COME
TO YOUR GROUP,
CALL Cynthia Woodward at
(617) 349-6327 AND
LEAVE A MESSAGE SAYING YOU
WILL NOT BE THERE.



REMEMBER: Fall Playgroups begin the week of October 7, 2013

Cambridge Community Playgroups Registration Fall Session 2013

Please fill in the information for all adults and children who will attend the playgroup together

<u>I have read and I understand the information and agree to follow the rules and guidelines:</u>

My signature:	Date	_
Parent/Caregiver Name:		
My child(ren) will be attending the playgroup with:		
Relationship to Child(ren) (please check one): Mother		
Address	Cambridg	e, MA Zip code
AddressPhone	Email	
Please list ALL children you will be bringing to the grou		
children on the back of this form and note that below.		
Child's Full Name	B	irthday
Child's Full Name	B	irthday
Do any of the children have special needs or allergie	s that we should know about? Y	'ES NO
If yes, please describe		
What language(s) do you speak at home?		
How did you hear about Cambridge Community Play		
<u>Optional:</u> These questions are so we can report to in subsidized housing or who are currently taking E your placement in a group. Do you live in Public Housing, receive Section 8, or	Inglish classes. The answer you	give is confidential and will not affect
PLEASE MARK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES WIT years old by the start of the group:	TH 1, 2, AND 3. These groups a	re for children who will be at least 2
Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Mondays 10:00-11:30 am	(10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16)
Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callendar St.	Mondays 10:00-11:30 am	(10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16)
Fletcher Maynard Academy, 229 Windsor St.	Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am	10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)
Roosevelt Towers, 14 Evereteze Way.	Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 am	10/9, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18)
PLEASE MARK 1st and 2nd CHOICE. These group	os are the Tiny Tots Groups (fo	
Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am	10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)
Area IV Youth Center, 243 Harvard St.	Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am	(10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12)

Return this form by *Friday, September 20* to:

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